

TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
COUNCIL POLICY COMMITTEE  
March 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m.

110 E. Main Street  
Town Council Chambers  
Los Gatos, California

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The Council Policy Committee meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m.

**Members and Staff present:**

Vice Mayor Marico Sayoc  
Councilmember Marcia Jensen  
Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager  
Rob Schultz, Town Attorney  
Joel Paulson, Community Development Director  
Monica Renn, Economic Vitality Manager  
Christina Gilmore, Assistant to the Town Manager

**Verbal Communications**

None.

**Agenda Items**

**1. Approval of February 25, 2016 Council Policy Committee Meeting Minutes  
Committee Action:**

The Committee unanimously approved the draft minutes.

**2. Review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Council on next steps  
regarding:**

- a. **Draft resolutions for formula retail and the suspension of ordinance 2021**
  - The Committee reviewed and discussed the draft resolutions and decided:
    - 1. Suspension of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Requirement for Formula Retail
      - a. Recommend to the Council a suspension of the formula retail CUP requirement for an 18-month pilot period.
      - b. Include in the staff report the metrics for changing formula retail, parking, and current property lease restrictions.

- c. Conduct a survey of residents, visitors, and businesses about what they like about Los Gatos, and what they would like to see more or less of.
- 2. Suspension of Ordinance 2021
  - a. Recommend a separate resolution to suspend Section I of Ordinance 2021 for a period of 18 months to coincide with the formula retail suspension.
  - b. Include in the staff report additional economic data points, the Policy Committee discussion and input, and that Section II of the ordinance is already codified.
  - c. The staff report should also include the Planning Commission discussion and information about change in the retail environment in the last 20 years.
- b. **Current status of the outdoor seating and alcohol and entertainment policies**
  - The Committee reviewed and discussed the outdoor seating and alcohol and entertainment policies, and decided:
    - 1. Alcohol and Entertainment Policy
      - a. Split the entertainment policy from the alcohol policy.
      - b. Return with the entertainment policy for Policy Committee review at a future date, and include the approved agreements for Music in the Park and Jazz on the Plazz which contained paragraphs 8 and 9 that outline provisions for alcohol and amplified sound.
      - c. Bring a comparative of alcohol and entertainment policies back for Policy Committee discussion and consideration for the formulation of recommendations.
    - 2. Outdoor Seating
      - a. Draft guidelines for outdoor seating that are simple, clear, and enforceable, emphasizing fairness, transparency, and consistency.
      - b. Make the Town's outdoor seating guidelines consistent with other jurisdictions so that there is a level playing field.
- c. **Benchmarking on how other jurisdictions regulate restaurant seats**
  - The Committee agreed to provide the Planning Commission a report for its March 16 meeting on benchmarking that includes a summary of issues discussed by the Policy Committee, the questions identified by the Committee for Council discussion, and the input received from businesses.
- d. **Framework for economic vitality initiatives**
  - The Committee discussed a framework for economic vitality initiatives and requested that future Policy Committee meetings include agenda items to

review and discuss additional information regarding specialty retail, definitions, placemaking, and traffic impact fees.

Meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.